

**Regular Council Meeting  
December 8, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and City Clerk Robin Haynes

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Simmons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. Approval of Past Minutes**

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of November 17 and the special council meeting of November 16, 2009 as written, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Public Hearing Request – Capital Improvements Element**

Councilman Jackson motioned to schedule a public hearing at the regular scheduled council meeting of January 28, 2010 for the Capital Improvements element, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**B. Post office mail box update**

Due to the postmaster being on vacation, no update was available.

**C. Update/DCA-FDOT proposal to replace Proportionate Fair Share with Mobility fees**

Discussion has begun between the House and the Senate regarding establishing a fee structure for mobility fees applicable for residential and commercial developments rather than the current proportionate fair share. Ms. Henninger will keep the council updated as changes occur.

**Legal Matters**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading annexation ordinance/Four Mile Land Company**

Attorney Adkinson requested the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading be tabled until a later date to continue research on whether or not the proposed annexation actually touches City limits. Councilman King motioned to table the item until a later date, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**B. Resolution adoption/addition of pulled meter fee**

The proposed resolution will be available for adoption at the next regular scheduled council meeting. No council action was taken.

### **C. Chelco lease**

The Chelco lease has been revised as requested and is ready for the Mayor to sign. The lease amount has been prorated for December. Chelco representatives will be bringing plans at a later date for a permanent sign.

### **Fire Department Report**

Chief Greenslait presented his monthly call report and thanked Latilda Henninger and Elizabeth Brannon for acting as judges for the Christmas parade floats. The Fire department will be assisting 48 families with 118 children this year for Christmas presents and food.

### **2. Parks Department Report**

Shane Supple reported that the calendar for next year has already begun to fill up with baseball, softball and lacrosse leagues. He also informed council that he had proposed to Walton County recreation to combine their league teams for softball and flag football with Freeport in an attempt to create more teams to compete. He will update council as discussion continues.

### **3. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Charles Peters was absent. Ms. Angie Jay, representing Preble-Rish gave a short update on the progression of the grant/loan application to Rural Development for the North Bay Phase II project.

Mayor Marse informed council that he had met with the Cultural Department of Eglin to attempt to expedite the easement process.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. Sewer lift stations - Rehabilitation**

Councilman Jackson informed council that of the nine sewer lift stations that were in need of rehabilitation, Peters Municipal Associates determined that four were eligible for replacement with the use of impact fees as undersized for growth in the area. Clerk Haynes was directed to contact Peters Municipal for cost estimates for the replacement of the stations and bring back to council at a later date.

### **2. Renewal of Florida Department of Corrections contract**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the FDOC contract as presented (no changes from current year), Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Anna Cogdell – Link-up and Lifeline Assistance programs**

Ms. Cogdell gave a short presentation to council regarding the link-up and lifeline assistance programs – services that allow low income residents the ability to have a land-line home phone or cell phone. No council action was requested or taken.

### **2. Public Hearing – Solar Energy assessments for Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Councilman Martin motioned to set the requested public hearing on January 12, 2009 at 6:45 p.m., Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3.       **Pay all bills in order**

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

Mayor Marse stated that the tree lighting and Christmas parade had been successful and thanked everyone for participating.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

Ernest Nettles requested council to contact someone to help fix the drainage on North Jackson Street, right in front of the sewer lift station. The road is low and water pools. Mayor Marse stated he would look into it.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President